



## Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards

### Application Form

**The Greater Dandenong Australia Day Awards recognise exceptional contribution by those people within our community who work selflessly and tirelessly to enrich the lives of others.**

Nominations are publicly sought for individuals whose outstanding work has made a positive contribution to the Greater Dandenong community in areas such as community service, innovation, education, the environment, the arts, sport and civic participation.

#### *Award Categories*

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- Citizen of the Year
- Young Leader of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Corporate Citizen of the Year
- Community Group of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Sustainability Award
- Living Treasure Award

#### *Eligibility*

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Please refer to the Criteria for Awards section regarding eligibility for each award category. The nominee must be nominated by someone other than themselves. Applicants must also list an additional referee. Nominations must be received before 3 November 2019.

#### *Assessment*

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Assessment of award nominations is completed by a joint community/Council panel. Their decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered.

In the event that no suitable nominations are received in any category, the committee reserves the right to not make an award for that year. Referees may be contacted for additional information, with police checks conducted as required.

All nominations will be kept confidential. You may nominate persons who have been previously nominated. The Australia Day Award winners and their nominators will be advised late December 2019.



## **Awards**

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Presentation of the Australia Day Awards will be made on Australia Day (26 January) each year. Winners should be present to receive their awards.

Winners will be notified prior to the awards ceremony and will have the opportunity to invite friends and relatives to be present at the ceremony.

Each winner will receive an award presented by the Mayor and may be featured in the local press and Council publications. There will also be further opportunities for Australia Day Award winners to participate in other related activities throughout the year.

### *Award Categories and Criteria*

Award	Criteria
<p><b>CITIZEN OF THE YEAR</b> The premier Australia Day award for an individual (resident only)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated long term commitment to voluntary or philanthropic work in the community</li> <li>• Positive contribution to enrich the lives of others</li> <li>• Over 16 years of age</li> </ul>
<p><b>YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR</b> An award for an individual (resident only)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration of leadership qualities</li> <li>• Inspires others as a positive role model</li> <li>• Aged 16-30 years (on 26 January in year of award)</li> </ul>
<p><b>VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR</b> An award for an individual (resident only)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrated commitment in caring for the community</li> <li>• Outstanding and consistent voluntary contribution to a group, activity or community</li> </ul>
<p><b>CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR</b> (resident or non-resident)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An individual who has made a significant contribution to the community through their business or corporate position in Greater Dandenong</li> <li>• Demonstration of notable philanthropic or benevolent values</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR</b> (residents or non-residents)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding initiatives that demonstrate leadership through innovation, engagement and community capacity building</li> <li>• Actively engages with diverse and 'hard to reach' groups in the Greater Dandenong community</li> <li>• Embraces and promotes diversity and harmony across cultures</li> </ul>

<p><b>SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR</b> An individual (resident or non-resident) belonging to a Greater Dandenong sports club</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For excellence in the sports arena</li> <li>• Demonstrates leadership on and off the sports field</li> <li>• Inspires participation and involvement across the community</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sustainability AWARD</b> An award for an individual or group (residents or non-residents)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiatives that contribute to making Greater Dandenong a more sustainable place to live, work and play</li> </ul>
<p><b>Living Treasure Award</b> Appointment of an appropriate Australia Day Award Winner to 'Living Treasure' status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognising an individual's contribution that has had a lasting impact on the quality of life for the community in the areas of cultural, social, economic, artistic or sports life.</li> <li>• Nominees for other Australia Day Award categories can also be nominated for a Living Treasure Award.</li> </ul>

## Application Form

**Please mark the award you are nominating for:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Group of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Leader of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Sportsperson of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability Award
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Citizen of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Living Treasure Award *

**\* All nominees can be also be nominated for a Living Treasure Award. Please check the Living Treasure award criteria on page 4.**

**Who are you nominating?**

Nominee name:			
Nominated organisation (if relevant):			
Phone (BH)		Phone AH:	
Street address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Email address:			

**Your details:**

Your name:			
Your organisation (if relevant):			
Phone BH		Phone AH:	
Street address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Email address:			

**Additional referee:**

Referee name:			
Referee organisation (if relevant):			
Phone BH		Phone AH:	
Street address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Email address:			

**It is recommended you refer to the nominated Award category's criteria in providing the following information.**

**1. Please outline the organisations that the nominee has assisted, in what capacity and for what length of service.**

**2. Leadership: How has the nominee displayed strong leadership that inspires others as a positive role model? Please give examples.**

**3. Community Benefit: Who has benefitted from the nominee's contribution? Please give examples.**

**4. Personal values: How has the nominee or organisation been able to demonstrate that they have gone "above and beyond" expectations to be an outstanding citizen? Please give examples.**

**5. Summary: Why do you think the nominee is worthy of an award?**

## 6. Public engagement

Yes

No

Do you believe the nominee will represent Greater Dandenong in a positive light to others?

### Signed by the nominator:

Name

Date

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### *Supporting information*

Please attach additional materials such as photos, newspaper articles or other documentation to support this nomination. Note that these items will not be returned.

All nominations will be kept confidential.

### *Submit your Nomination*

**Please forward the completed form to Council before 3 November 2019:**

**Post:** City of Greater Dandenong, PO Box 200, Dandenong, VIC 3175

**Email:** [austdayawards@cgd.vic.gov.au](mailto:austdayawards@cgd.vic.gov.au)

**Fax:** 8571 5196

**Online application:** An online application form is available on the Council website at [www.greaterdandenong.com](http://www.greaterdandenong.com).

For further enquiries contact the City of Greater Dandenong on 8571 1000.

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